**Exams conducted by UPSC**

†2203. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of those examination being conducted by Union Public Service Commission, in which the medium of Indian languages is not allowed to be taken by the candidates;

(b) whether compelling the candidates to take examination in English medium only does not tend to be violation of provisions of official language of India; and

(c) what is Government's attitude towards dharna being staged outside the office of UPSC for the last one decade in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) A statement showing the medium of language for various competitive examinations being conducted by U.P.S.C, is enclosed. *(See* below)

(b) No Sir.

(c) According to information, received from the Deptt, of Personnel and Training, a specialist committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Satish Chander, Ex-Chairman of University Grants Commission had been constituted in connection with this issue. The recommendations made by the aforesaid Committee are under consideration of the Government in consultation with the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

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| I. Examination in which the medium of Examination is English, Hindi, Regional languages. | Civil Services (Main) Examination | Question Papers are printed in English and Hindi. |
| II. Examinations in which of examination is English and Hindi. | (i) Section Officers/Stenographers (Grade B/Grade I) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination. (Option of medium allowed for certain papers only)<br>(ii) Grade I (Under Secretary) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for Scheduled Castes/ ScheduledTribes. | Question papers are printed in English and Hindi. |

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

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| III. Examinations in which papers are of conventional type and medium is English only. | (i) Engineering Services Examination.<br>(ii) Indian Forest Service Examination.<br>(iii) Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service Examination.<br>(iv) Geologists' Examination. | Question papers are printed in English only. |
| IV. Examinations in which the papers are of objective type only and the question of medium, therefore, does not arise. | (0 Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination.<br>(ii) Special Class Railway Apprentices Examination.<br>(iii) Combined Defence Services Examination.<br>(iv) National Defence Academy and<br>(v) Naval Academy Examination.<br>Combined Medical Services Examination | Question papers (Test booklets) for the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination are printed both in Hindi and English. For me remiaining examinations, the question papers (test booklets) are printed in English only. |

**Ultra Modern Security Equipment in Tihar**

†2204. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to instal in ultra-modem security equipment, known as Therma, Sensor, in Tihar Jail, keeping in view the apprehension that dreaded terrorists can flee from the jail, by breaking it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent for the same; and

(d) on which date the said equipment is likely to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, So.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Laden supported Mercenaries in J & K**

2205. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME-AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of militants, Indian Security personal and citizens, including women and children, killed in terrorist activities and anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir since the Pakistani infiltrants and army were cleared from occupied positions in that state, earlier this year; and

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